

Protecting Documents in a Disaster

Taking time to record important information or documenting valuables in your home is important in a disaster. With some advance planning the loss of those items can be avoided.

Articles for safekeeping may include:

- Insurance documents including agent information
- Driver's license information
- Social Security numbers
- An inventory list of belongings (digital or video is best)
- House keys
- Car keys
- Safety deposit keys
- Deeds and property records
- Birth Certificates
- Vaccination Records
- Passports
- Credit card information
- Significant photos



Tips to secure your documents:

- Make copies of all important records and items and send them to a family member or friend in a distant city. Provide a secure box or cabinet for their use.
- Utilize a safety deposit box in your local bank.
- Using a CD-R (recordable compact disk) to make an electronic copy of all your important documents or photos
- Make additional copies of important documents for your own disaster supply kit.

Download a free household and personal inventory book from the internet at:

www.ag.uiuc.edu/~vista/abstracts/ahouseinv.html

Life Saving Training for Sandy City Residents

Sandy City offers the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course to Sandy City residents. The course consists of eight three-hour modules conducted by trained emergency personnel.

The eight modules are:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Psychology and Team Organization
- Disaster Fire Suppression
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- Disaster Medical Operations – Part 1
- Disaster Medical Operations – Part 2
- Terrorism and CERT
- Course Review and Disaster Simulation Exercise

In short, the course provides hands-on experience to increase confidence and knowledge for emergency preparedness. For additional information or to register for a CERT course, call Dan Veenendaal of Sandy City's Fire and Life Safety Division at 568-2944.

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